

## *Highlights from the 2006 IAC Student Meeting*

The L'Enfant Plaza hotel in Washington DC served as the backdrop for the 2006 Annual IAC Student Meeting held on February 9th and 10th. Thirty-five top IAC engineering students representing each of the 26 centers across the U.S. attended the two-day meeting. The student leaders listened to presentations and participated in discussions addressing the IAC program's role in achieving national energy policy goals. Invited guests and speakers from the Department of Energy (DOE), Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL), the [Alliance to Save Energy](#) and the [American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy \(ACEEE\)](#) were on hand. IAC alumni representing private sector companies including General Motors, C&S Companies and ERS, Inc. were also present to discuss different career opportunities available for IAC engineers.

The first day opened with a presentation from Jacques Beaudry-Losique, Program Manager for DOE's Industrial Technologies Program. Mr. Beaudry-Losique discussed the Save Energy Now Initiative and the Industrial Assessment Centers' role in supporting this important initiative. The students were then briefed by Michaela Martin, Student Activities Coordinator about the history and status of the IAC. Lisa Barnett, the IAC program leader for DOE followed with a look at the status of the IAC program and the Save Energy Now initiative. Don Kasten and Mike B. Muller from The IAC Field Managers Office at Rutgers discussed the IAC database, improvements to the database upload process and other field management issues. The ACEEE Industrial Program Director, Neil Elliott, spoke on the challenges currently facing energy markets and the importance of energy efficiency in addressing these challenges. The lunchtime keynote speaker, Brian Castelli Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with the Alliance to Save Energy, discussed opportunities for addressing energy efficiency in industry through policy, management, personnel and technology. The afternoon session focused on career opportunities in energy. Brad Gustafson, engineer with DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) talked about energy management in the federal sector. Nasr Alkadi, IAC alumnus currently working for General Motors, presented his very interesting research on the relationship between energy efficiency and productivity improvement. Other outstanding IAC alumni participating in the discussion were Satyen Moray (Dayton IAC) with ERS, Inc. and Adam Knapp (Syracuse IAC) with C&S Companies, Inc. Shelly Hunt, a recruiter with Oak Ridge National Lab, discussed the opportunities available for graduating IAC engineers at the laboratory. The final event of the day was a group dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill, one of Washington DC's premier dining establishments. The students were able to share ideas and views while enjoying the history of this 150 year old restaurant.

The second day brought student presentations as well as round table discussions of energy and program related topics addressed the day before. Eric Ross from Bradley University discussed his experience as a student engineer at Mitsubishi motors and how his IAC experience prepared him for this "real world" challenge. Arturo Hernandez, Brian Malone and David Kilikowski from the University of Illinois at Chicago presented a summary of the International Truck and Engine Corp. assessment, a crosscutting

exercise between the IAC and the Midwest Combined Heat and Power Application Center.

Presentations can be viewed in their entirety at the IAC website located at [www.iacforum.org](http://www.iacforum.org).